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BASF Plant Science GmbH, a German company having a registered office at Carl-Bosch-Strasse 38, 67056 Ludwigshafen, Germany, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of a chain of title from the inventors of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From inventors Peter L. Keeling and Hanping Guan to ExSeed Genetics L.L.C., an Illinois limited liability company, in the assignment of USSN 08/941,445, dated October 13, 1997 and October 21, 1997, recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at reel 8944, frame 0884. The present application is a continuation of USSN 09/625,406, which is a continuation of USSN 08/941,445, and the recorded assignment conveyed all rights in USSN 08/941,445 and its continuations and subsequent applications, including divisionals thereof.
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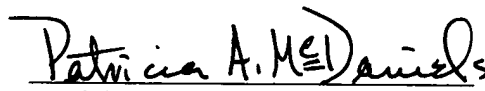
by which Seller sold, assigned, transferred, conveyed, and delivered to Buyer all of the right, title, and interest of Seller in and to certain Purchased Assets which included USSN 08/941,445 as indicated on Schedule 3.20 of that certain Asset Purchase Agreement by and between Purchaser and Seller dated November 1, 2000. Redacted copies of relevant sections of the Asset Purchase Agreement are attached hereto.

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The undersigned is empowered to sign the certificate on behalf of the assignee, by virtue of the Power of Attorney submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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